

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

January 25, 2011

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Rhonda Allen
Commissioner Carol Cook
Commissioner Will Jordan
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho
Commissioner Brad Turner
Commissioner Jeff Jordan, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess
Lisa Nolen
Gary Clardy
Don Odom
Wayne Blair
Robert Stevens
Carol Stuart
Harry Gill
Dana Garrett
Jeff Sandvig
Mark Byrnes
Terry Hodge
Tim Tackett
Becky Shelton

Chairman J. Jordan presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COMMUNITY CARE REPORT:

The Committee was provided the November 4 and December 2 minutes of the Community Care Board. Following discussion,

"Commissioner W. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve the Community Care report. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dana Garrett presented the November and December Health Department reports for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the Health Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT:

Lisa Nolen presented the Special Projects report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Special Projects report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Harry Gill, Jeff Sandvig and Gary Clardy addressed the Committee presenting the Board of Education report. The Committee was first presented a budget amendment to increase petty cash for the Rutherford County Teacher Center and North Rutherford County Teacher Center from \$50 to \$100 per secretary for a total petty cash (cash on hand) of \$300. The Petty Cash Custodians will sign a receipt for petty cash funds received and will agree to abide by the County guidelines for Petty Cash and Change Accounts. Petty cash must only be used to make change for the customer. No disbursements will be allowed from the account and no personal checks will be cashed. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner

Allen, to approve petty cash (cash on hand) amounts at the Rutherford County Teacher Centers be increased from \$50 per secretary to \$100 per secretary for a total petty cash (cash on hand) of \$300. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The Committee was next presented a General Purpose Schools Budget Amendment to budget \$36,987 in Account #43990 (Other Charges for Services and Related Clerical and Custodial Pay and Benefits for Campus School). MTSU pays most of the cost of a clerical position and another custodian at Campus School. They were MTSU positions last year. This amendment also increases Account #46511 (Basic Education Program) by \$1,218,290 and decreases Account #46512 (BEP – ARRA) by the same amount. The State has reallocated its ARRA funds that were used to fund part of the BEP. There is no impact on the total BEP funds with this amendment. Additionally, \$199,912 is being added to Account #47590 (Other Federal Through State) for materials and supplies for children whose families are eligible for free or reduced meals. Finally, each year the system receives an allocation that helps pay part of the cost of the system's high cost special education students. This amount must be budgeted in the General Purpose School budget. This year's allocation is \$60,081 more than is already budgeted. This amendment covers the revenue in Accounts #47143 (Education of Handicapped – IDEA) and Account #47145 (Special Ed – Preschool Grants) and the special education related expenditures. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Jordan, to amend \$1,281,290 to Account #46511 (Basic Education Program) from Account #46512 (BEP – ARRA); to amend \$36,987 in Account #43990 (Other Charges for Services for the Related Clerical and Custodial Pay and Benefits for Campus School); to amend \$199,912 to Account #47590 (Other Federal Through State) for instructional materials and supplies; to amend \$23,866 to Account #47143 (Education of Handicapped – IDEA) for special education related expenditures; and to amend \$36,215 to Account #47145 (Special Ed – Preschool Grants) for special education related expenditures. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The next amendment presented provided funding for 2% bonuses for administrative and system wide staff from the General Purpose School Fund and not the Education Jobs Grant. \$85,673 is needed for the certified staff and \$116,687 for classified staff in these positions. The related benefits total \$18,531. The amendment reallocates \$220,891 in already budgeted certified and classified salaries and the related benefits to the necessary certified and classified lines in order to fund the bonus approved by the Board and REA. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Allen moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to amend \$220,891 in already budgeted certified and classified salaries and the related benefits to other certified and classified lines in order to fund the 2% bonus approved by the Board and the REA for the administrative and system wide staff that need to be funded through the General Purpose School budget instead of the Education Jobs Fund Grant. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The next amendment presented funded again the previous year's capital projects in Fund 177 that weren't complete on June 30. The purchase orders in this fund are not carried forward to the next fiscal year. The 2009/10 projects included in the carryover amendment are: (1) McFadden Renovation (Architect's Fees – \$1,020) (Maint & Repair – \$3,044); (2) Roof Repair/Replacement (Riverdale Annex – \$3,835)(Riverdale Band Section – \$26,682)(Christiana Hallway – \$280); (3) HVAC Replacement (LaVergne High School – \$337,289) (Riverdale High School – \$127,500)(Oakland High School – \$127,500); (4) Holloway High School Window Replacement – \$170,000. The total funds to be amended from Fund Balance is \$797,150. The balance of

the amendment reallocates \$68,000 of already budgeted contract services to the line items that best fit the description of the service. No new funds are being used. \$68,000 in Other Contracted Services with \$10,000 to Architects fees for Central Magnet School grease trap project, 10/11 budgeted projected and \$58,000 to Engineering Services for the Kittrell and Lascassas waste water treatment projects, 10/11 budgeted project and \$8,520 from Window Replacement Campus School with \$415 to Roofing Stewartsboro and \$8,105 to McFadden renovation. Following discussion,

"Commissioner W. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho to amend \$797,150 from fund balance for prior year projects and to amend \$68,000 from contract services to other line items as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The Committee was next presented the Five Year Plan advising a five year plan is difficult to develop due to all the unknowns and variables. In reviewing the plan, the Committee was advised the Smyrna and LaVergne High Schools were built for 800 students and now have 2,000 and are in a very competitive 6A sports program. The restrooms at the sports field are insufficient and it is not adequate for ADA requirements. The Committee was also advised as to David Youree the administrative offices need to be moved from across the cafeteria closer to the front of the building. Commissioner Turner advised he felt this project should be done sooner than scheduled.

The Committee was advised the maintenance program with the roofs is working well as only had two minor leaks during the recent snow event.

It is projected Stewarts Creek High School will open in 2013. Land has already been funded and the design phase is in the works. The five year plan is contingent on an increase in new students.

The Committee discussed building a high school at Rockvale and closing the Eagleville High School which only has 200 students and discussed the economic soundness of putting money in the Eagleville school. Mr. Gill advised although a case could be made for building the Rockvale school, this would not alleviate overcrowding elsewhere.

The Committee was provided enrollment information supporting the Stewarts Creek High School. Stewarts Creek High School would draw from Blackman High, LaVergne High and Smyrna High. The Committee was provided information on the projected number of portables required between 2010/11 and 2013/14 if the new school is not built. Aerial photos of the footprints of LaVergne High, Smyrna High and Blackman High were presented to show little room is available for portables. The last new high school opened was in 2003. Mayor Burgess advised there is a continuing need. Chairman J. Jordan advised it appears the School Board has stretched the school zones as far as they can be stretched and it is more difficult to balance economics. Mr. Gill advised they have looked at how to minimize the need for new construction including schools in shifts which doesn't work because the school day would run from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Year round schools is a nightmare with staffing, is expensive to operate and no downtime for maintenance. Other districts that have tried year round schools have gone back to traditional calendars. There is also the high requirements for students to perform academically. Commissioner Phillips advised the Rutherford County school system is one of the top five in the State and questioned if the school was not built if this would be tied into poor performance and Mr. Gill confirmed it would. Mr. Gill advised there could be up to 1,500 students per school in portables without the new school.

Chairman Jordan reiterated the bleacher renovations at Smyrna and LaVergne are for safety in addition to need.

Mr. Clardy advised this is a good time to build because the industry is slow, contractors are plentiful and he would anticipate good bids. This is also a good time to lock in the price before gas prices go up.

Chairman Jordan inquired what could be done to guarantee jobs go to Rutherford County residents. Mr. Clardy advised they have to take bids for a contractor who in turn takes bids from sub-contractors and the School Board has to look at the dollar amount and if qualified have to give the job to that company. Chairman Jordan advised he would like to see the jobs go to Rutherford County workers but he understands the process.

Finance Director Lisa Nolen provided information on the bonded debt from 2012 forward both before and after refunding as well as information on debt service projections. Ms. Nolen reminded the Committee the Commission has committed to other projects including Joe B. Jackson Parkway and an \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 expansion/renovation at the jail. Ms. Nolen advised she felt a \$50,000,000 bond issue could be done without much increase to the debt service and the refundings have provided the ability to do so. The borrowing for the Sheriff's Department is projected to be needed as early as this Fall. The projections as presented do not take into consideration the new Justice Center or any other proposal other than the \$50,000,000.

Mayor Burgess advised the Committee he thought the County would get as much BEP money next year and it looks like will get growth formula. Mayor Burgess further advised he would hope to have discussion about the 5¢ previously appropriated if the County has trouble with the debt service as no new recurring monies are anticipated.

Commissioner W. Jordan advised he was not ready to support the Eagleville renovation or Smyrna/LaVergne bleachers as they are used six nights per year. Mr. Gill advised the middle schools use the stadiums so it is more than six nights per year.

Ms. Nolen advised rates are moving up.

Chairman Jordan reminded the Committee as to the Eagleville Phase I, this will go to Budget Committee. Mr. Gill advised the money for Eagleville will not be borrowed until June, 2012.

Mayor Burgess advised the State has made graduation standards more rigorous and added math and science requirements. The County has no money or resources to help with this and current sophomores are under the new standards. Don Odom advised Rutherford County provides night classes at two schools and some on-line classes.

Chairman J. Jordan advised if the Committee was going to do something January is the time to do it in order to give the Budget Committee time to consider and in turn give the Commission more than one month to consider.

Commissioner Phillips questioned if the County could potentially get a better bid if the Smyrna/LaVergne bleachers were tied in with the Stewarts Creek stadium. Mr. Clardy advised this could be included as an alternate. Commissioner W. Jordan advised he was ready to support the high school but not the bleachers and including the bleachers may water down Commission support. Following discussion,

"Commissioner W. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to proceed with Stewarts Creek High School project at a cost of \$49,976,500.

Commissioner Phillips moved to amend the original motion, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to include the Smyrna/LaVergne bleacher project in the bid process as an alternate bid. This amendment passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The original motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Commissioner Turner advised he would like to consider the David Youree renovations next month. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to consider the David Youree renovations at the next meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman J. Jordan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

JEFF JORDAN, Chairman